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To 펫□ηWhom 펫□ηit 펫□체□ηMay 펫□ηConcern:

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Please 펫□ηaccept 펫□ηthis 펫□ηletter 펫□ηsolely 펫□ηon 펫□ηthe 펫□체□ηsite 펫□ηPassaic 펫□ηRiver 펫□ηserved 펫□ηas 펫□ηcitizen 펫□ηadvocate 펫□ηfor 펫□ηthe 펫□ηbays, 펫□ηstreams, 펫□ηand 펫□ηshore polluters, 펫□ηchampions 펫□ηpublic 펫□ηaccess, 펫□ηinfluences 펫□ηland 펫□ηuse 펫□체□ηdecisions, 펫□ηbenefiting 펫□ηthe 펫□ηnatural 펫□ηand 펫□ηhuman 펫□체□ηstandard 펫□ηissues 펫□ηof 펫□ηour 펫□ηw

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I 펫□ηwould 펫□체□ηexpress 펫□ηour 펫□ηstrong 펫□ηopposition 펫□ηto 펫□ηany 펫□ηremedy 펫□ηthe Passaic 펫□ηRiver 펫□ηsediments 펫□ηat Newark 펫□ηBay. 펫□ηI 펫□체□ηstakeholders 펫□ηmeet 펫□ηRegional 펫□ηAdministrator 펫□ηJudith 펫□ηEnck 펫□ηto 펫□ηdiscuss 펫□ηthe 펫□ηstatus 펫□ηPassaic During 펫□ηthis 펫□ηmeeting, several ideas were 펫□ηraised 펫□ηby 펫□ηBaykeeper 펫□ηand 펫□ηother idea 펫□ηof 펫□ηcreating 펫□ηa 펫□ηCAD 펫□ηcell 펫□ηor 펫□ηCDF 펫□ηin Newark 펫□ηBay. 펫□ηThese ideas include:

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- Hazardous 펫□ηsediments 펫□ηwould 펫□체□ηbe 펫□ηremoved 펫□ηprofessionally 펫□ηdisposed 펫□ηmonitored 펫□ηof 펫□ηat 펫□ηa 펫□ηfederally 펫□ηpermitted 펫□ηRCRA 펫□ηfacility 펫□ηNewark 펫□ηBay. 펫□ηThe RCRA 펫□ηrequires 펫□ηfacilities 펫□ηwith 펫□ηdouble 펫□ηand 펫□ηconsistent 펫□ηgovernment 펫□ηoversight. 펫□ηSafety is the top priority in safety 펫□ηand 펫□ηfeature 펫□ηredundant 펫□ηsafety 펫□ηmeasures. 펫□ηThe As 펫□ηexisting CAD 펫□ηin Newark 펫□ηBay, 펫□ηapplication 펫□ηof these 펫□ηis complicated 펫□ηand, 펫□ηin some cases, 펫□ηnot feasible. 펫□ηWe understand 펫□ηthat 펫□ηat least one barge 펫□ηmissed the existing CAD 펫□ηcell 펫□ηon a 펫□ηload 펫□ηof contaminated sediments.
- The CAD 펫□ηwould 펫□ηbe 펫□ηbuilt 펫□ηin 펫□ηa 펫□ηtidal 펫□ηbay, 펫□ηsubject to currents, 펫□ηport traffic 펫□ηand storm surges. 펫□ηPeople in the middle of the bay million people.

- Depending on the remediation alternative, the area would be considerable, causing significant impact to fish habitat.
- Re-suspension remains a major concern. As noted toxic pollutants fine silt, and would be especially suspension.
- There is the ominous unanswered question whether become the final disposal site for all manner of Superfund sites from around the NY/NJ Harbor such Newtown Creek. For the reasons listed above, burying somes regions hazardous waste in the Bay and its waste there.

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We also recommend that this disposal option be removed. Until we understand why contaminated waste in New Bay, we cannot contemplate this option within a fair playing field.

Recently, I participated in a workgroup convened by the US Engineers, New York District, on dredging material. The workgroup was to examine disposal removed from Harbor shipping channels in future years. The material contains contaminants of concern, does not reach the same standards as sediments. The final document is still in draft form, but does not recommend the building of CAD cells to bury the dredged material upstate and federal agencies, representing diverse interests and opinions. One becomes guidance document for Army Corps decisions. It had foresight to take the table when it made dredged material knowing the community opposition associated with that option.

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Additionally, Baykeeper supports the return of a navigational Passaic River. This waterway was once a vibrant economic Restoring a channel to the River will help support the taking off local roads for transportation purposes, and recreational power boats.

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Thank you in advance for Baykeeper's input on this issue.

Sincerely,

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